

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Curt Hébert, Jr., Chairman;  
William L. Massey, and Linda Breathitt.

California Independent System Operator Corporation	Docket No. ER01-819-001
San Diego Gas & Electric Company	Docket No. ER01-831-001
Southern California Edison Company	Docket No. ER01-832-001
Pacific Gas & Electric Company	Docket No. ER01-839-002
California Independent System Operator Corporation	Docket No. ER00-2019-004

ORDER GRANTING CLARIFICATION

(Issued April 19, 2001)

In this order, the Commission grants the Department of Water Resources of the State of California's (DWR) request for clarification of the Commission's February 21, 2000 order concerning the appropriate forum to address the issue of a time of use rate methodology for low voltage transmission rates.<sup>1</sup>

Background

On February 21, 2001, the Commission issued an order that accepted for filing and suspended proposed tariff revisions filed by the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) and the three original Participating Transmission Owners to the ISO, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), Southern California Edison

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<sup>1</sup>California Independent System Operator Corporation, et al., 94 FERC ¶ 61,147 (2001) (February 21 Order).

Company (SoCal Edison), and Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E). The February 21 Order consolidated the ISO's proposed tariff revisions filed in Docket No. ER01-819-000 with Docket No. ER00-2019-000, an on-going proceeding involving a new methodology for determining a Transmission Access Charge for high voltage transmission service. Additionally, the February 21 Order consolidated together in a separate proceeding, Docket No. ER01-831-000, et al., the tariff revisions filed by SDG&E, SoCal Edison and PG&E that reflect, among other things, rates for low voltage transmission service.

### Discussion

On March 20, 2001, DWR filed a request for rehearing or clarification of the February 21 Order. DWR's request focuses on a single issue: the appropriate forum to address the issue of a time of use rate methodology for low voltage transmission rates. DWR notes that the ISO's consolidated proceeding in Docket Nos. ER01-819-000 and ER00-2019-000 includes the issue of whether the time of use rate methodology is appropriate for high voltage transmission service, but does not expressly contemplate resolution of low voltage rates or rate design.

We clarify for DWR that the issues relating to the appropriate rate design of the low voltage access charge for each Participating Transmission Owner are to be addressed in the proceeding established in Docket No. ER01-831-000, et al. The issues in that proceeding include, among other things, the establishment of the appropriate rates for transmission service over the individual Participating Transmission Owners' low voltage transmission facilities.

### The Commission orders:

The request for rehearing and/or clarification of our February 21, 2001 order filed by DWR is hereby granted, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
Acting Secretary.